mained confined to the upper-class society in the cities;

(c) whether Government have any plan to make cooking gas available to the common people; and

(d) whether Government propose to increase the gas filling capacity to cater to the needs of the people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Even though LPG availability in the country has increased substaintially in recent years. self-sufficiency is not likely to be attained in the near future, as the demand for LPG continues to grow at a much higher rate than its supply;

(b) and (c) LPG is available to all who are already its consumers and in a phased manner to those who have registered for it. Based on the present policy the oil industry has taken action to market LPG in a phased manner in towns having population of 20,000 and above and which offer potential for viable distributorships;

(d) Yes, Sir.

Shortage in Hydel Generation

*34. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortfall in hydel power generation due to reduction in water level in most of the major reservoirs in the country because of bad monsoon this year;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to make good for this shortfall; and

(c) whether adequate power supply has been ensured for agriculture in the drought affected States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) The steps which are being taken to increase the availability of power include maximising thermal generation, measures to reduce transmission and distribution losses and implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures.

(c) By and large the power requirement of the agricultural sector is being met fully.

Decision on Punjab Agro Pepsi proposal

*35. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL:

SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3440 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th August, 1987 and state:

(a) whether Government have since taken any decision on Punjab Agro Pepsi proposal; and

(b) if so, what rae the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Power Crisis in Delhi

*36. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been enormous power crisis in and around Delhi during the last 6